



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeffrey S. Kuskin
Serial No.: 09/910,629
Filing Date: July 20, 2001
Group Art Unit: Unknown
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING
NODE CONTROLLERS USING PARTITIONS IN
A COMPUTER SYSTEM

Assistant Commissioner for
Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review, please amend the
Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, line 1, please insert the following
paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATIONS

A1 This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional
Application Serial No. 60/219,949 filed July 20, 2000. --